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Since OHS was created in 2003, more than \$2 billion in grant & bond funds have been administered through this office to improve preparedness and response capabilities across California. And much of the success of those efforts the past few years is a direct testament to the skill, effectiveness, and professionalism of Deputy Director for Grants Management, Larry Davis.

Larry is moving on, after more than three years here at OHS, to a position with one of our many great local partners, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department. It's a return of sorts to his roots. Prior to coming to work for the State and for OHS, Larry was a firefighter in Fairfield, with titles including Fire Engineer and Fire Specialist III.

Following his firefighting years, Larry moved into further public service with the State. At the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), Larry served in the Community Development section managing a variety of programs. They included the Economic Development Allocation of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the Child Care Facilities Financing Program (CCFFP), the Central Valley Infrastructure Grant (CVIG) program, and the Jobs-Housing Balance Improvement Planning Grant (JHBIP) program. It allowed Larry to become THE expert on acronyms!

Larry's success at HCD equipped him with the experience and knowledge to manage a large portfolio of grants and programs here at OHS. His great work made up a significant portion of our OHS mission to better equip California for the variety of threats we face and enhance our prevention, protection, preparedness, response and recovery capabilities.

Larry helped develop a Grants Management Division that has been used as a model for the nation. The efficient structure of the division, developed by Larry and his team, have improved the response time to the questions and concerns of grantees, sub-grantees, local and State partners. His division has significantly reduced the turn around time between submission to awards and has invested grants dollars where they are most needed in California. At the end of the day, OHS is better serving our customers and

the people of California thanks to Larry's abilities and dedicated efforts.

One thing Californians can be proud of (thanks in large part to the work of Larry Davis) is not a single penny of federal funding sent to California for Homeland Security has had to be returned! His ability to find the worthy projects, to fund them in the proper manner, and to have contingency plans (plan B, plan C, plan D, sometimes even more) to re-allocate

funds in a timely manner has made the Grants Management Division one of the most efficient groups in public service.

It's a great legacy to build upon as we continue Larry's fantastic work.

We will miss Larry at OHS. The people of California will miss him. Fortunately, he will still be serving the citizens in his new role at Sac Metro Fire. You can rest assured we will still be calling on his expertise from time to time.

Larry Davis exemplifies what public service is all about. Thank you, Larry, for the work you have done for OHS and California, and we wish you the best in your new endeavor!



California Receives Transit and Port Security Award

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that California has received a dramatic increase in port and transit security funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security <http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1210954542145.shtm> (DHS). California's share of the Port Security Grant Program for fiscal year 2008 increased to more than \$69 million dollars, up from \$45 million last year, which is roughly one-sixth of the total national allocation of \$388 million dollars. Funding from the Transit Security Grant Program for California also saw a significant increase. California will receive more than \$41 million dollars in fiscal year 2008, up from \$35.6 million dollars last year.

"I applaud the federal government's increase in funding to upgrade California's port and transit security," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "Today's funding announcement shows that federal officials understand the unique risks we face in California and recognize the significance of our security needs. We must continue upgrading the state's security infrastructure and ultimately protect the lives and property of Californians."

The Governor and his Office of Homeland Security (OHS), led by Matthew Bettenhausen, have been heavily involved in pushing Congress and DHS for California's fair share of this funding for port security, considering California ports handle nearly half the nation's containerized goods.

The port areas of Los Angeles-Long Beach, San Francisco, San Diego, Port Hueneme, Redwood City, and Monterey Harbor will

receive \$69,499,524 combined for port security improvements. In mass transit security grants, California systems in the Bay Area and Los Angeles-Orange County received a total of \$41,199,791. Unfortunately, San Francisco received \$2.8 million less than what was allocated this year in Transit Security Funding. OHS will

continue to work with our San Francisco partners to restore that funding.

Sacramento is eligible to submit projects to compete for \$8.5 million in available funding nationwide.

California has used such grant funding in the past for increasing the number of urban search and rescue teams, swift water rescue teams, enhancing and protecting critical infrastructure such as the Transbay tube, and disaster medical assistance teams that were of vital importance and help in last year's wildfires. Another example is the Governor's recent initiative to provide

federal grant funds to purchase and install telephone emergency notification systems <<http://gov.ca.gov/index.php?/press-release/8396/>>.

Since its creation in 2003, OHS has administered over \$1.6 billion in homeland security grants. All of California's 58 counties have received homeland security funds to purchase equipment, provide training and develop strategies and plans to both prevent acts of terrorism and respond to emergencies.



Port Security Grants

- Los Angeles-Long Beach: \$38,156,658
- Bay Area: \$26,772,907
- San Diego: \$3,049,077
- Port Hueneme: \$645,563
- Redwood City: \$850,515
- Monterey Municipal Harbor: \$24,804

Mass Transit Security Grants

- San Francisco: \$25,433,749
- Los Angeles: \$13,511,417
- San Diego: \$2,254,625

OHS Encourages Eligible Partners to Apply for \$190 Million in SAFER Grants

Director Matthew Bettenhausen encourages local fire departments to apply for federal grants under the 2008 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Services (SAFER) Grants. On May 15, 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted the Program Guidance document, beginning the application period. Congress appropriated \$190 million dollars for SAFER grants under the DHS Appropriations Act of 2008. The SAFER Grant program was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front-line" firefighters available in their communities.

"This grant program is one of the many ways the Governor Schwarzenegger's Administration works with locals to leverage federal resources to enhance California's firefighting capabilities," said Bettenhausen. In previous years, the OHS and the Office of Emergency Services (OES) have partnered with FEMA to deliver regional workshops on various FEMA programs.

A similar FEMA grant program focusing on smaller departments equipment needs has allowed local, California fire agencies to acquire 137 fire fighting vehicles since 2001.

"The Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Services will provide grant writing and technical assistance to fire departments and other eligible applicants seeking funds through this program," added Bettenhausen.

The SAFER Grant Program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This is done in coordination with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA).

The Program Guidance document for FY2008 SAFER grants is posted on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program website at www.firegrantsupport.com. DHS will begin accepting applications May 27, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The deadline for receipt of the SAFER Grant applications is June 27, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The applications will be automated. Other helpful sites include the USFA website www.usfa.fema.gov, and the www.grants.gov website. These sites also include information on the eligibility criteria, application process, and important deadlines. A Help Desk is available at 1-866-274-0960 during normal business hours. For further information please visit our website at www.ohs.ca.gov.

OHS Announces San Diego County receiving \$3.5 Million for Mass Transit Security

On May 14, 2008, Director Matthew Bettenhausen announced two San Diego County transit agencies will receive more than three and a half million dollars to improve mass transit security. The funds come from voter-approved Prop 1B, a measure which Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger strongly advocated to improve the state's infrastructure, security, and public safety.

"The threat to transit systems is a fundamental challenge and is one of the reasons the Governor, working with the Legislature, added security funding into the bond measure," Bettenhausen said. "The Governor has always said public safety is his top priority. I'm proud to deliver this funding to San Diego Metropolitan Transit and the North County Transit District which shows the Governor and OHS are moving quickly to protect California's mass transit systems."

One billion of the nearly 20 billion dollars approved will be allocated the next few years to enhance security and safety in mass transit systems and the state's ports. California voters approved Proposition 1B in November of 2006, which enacted the Highway

Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. \$60 million was appropriated in the current budget for mass transit security.



Director Bettenhausen announces \$3.5 million to enhance mass transit security in San Diego.

"The Governor and the Legislature understood the threat and the need," said Bettenhausen. "These funds will not only help San Diego Metro and North County with the challenges of keeping area residents safe, they will also help protect our investment in the infrastructure needed to keep our economy strong."

Transit officials said they will use the money for a variety of projects, including advanced lighting, fencing, and camera technology. The upgrades will allow both transit agencies to enhance security, help reduce crime,

and provide a safer experience for customers.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security is charged with administering the Prop 1B funds. It's part of California's strategies to protect its 37 million residents from a man-made or natural disaster.

Director Bettenhausen Encourages California First Responders to Apply for Federal 2008 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the schedule for the (FY) 2008 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP), through the National Preparedness Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The FY 2008 CEDAP complements the FEMA National Preparedness Directorate's other major grant programs to enhance regional response capabilities, mutual aid, and interoperable communications by providing technology and equipment, together with training and technical assistance to public safety agencies in smaller jurisdictions and certain metropolitan areas.

"The money from this grant program will serve to improve the State's capabilities and I strongly encourage State and local law enforcement agencies and other emergency responders to apply," said Matthew Bettenhausen, Director of the California Office of Homeland Security. "This is another way we are working to bring Federal money back to California. By taking advantage of these types of grants California first responders will be better prepared and can better leverage dollars to enhance what we're already doing at the State level."

Eligible applicants include State or local law enforcement agencies and other emergency responders. In addition, FY 2008 CEDAP awardees cannot have received funding and/or equipment

under the Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program, or the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program for which the award date was October 1, 2006 or later. Applicants must demonstrate in their application that the equipment will be used in working relationship with other first responders (for example: plans for sharing of equipment, joint training or use of equipment, or joint operational planning). Some examples of eligible items include the Advanced Vehicle Tracking System (AVTS), a covert wireless GPS-based tracking system designed for law enforcement for vehicle and high-value asset tracking, and Stedi-Eye Stabilized Day/Night Binocular, which removes 99% of all vibration from a shaking body or hand or from platform vibration from a moving aircraft, boat, or vehicle.

Applications may be submitted via the Responder Knowledge Base (www.rkb.us) starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT on Friday, May 30th, and continuing until 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 30th. Note that the equipment choices and practice application for CEDAP 2008 are not yet available for review.

Questions regarding the CEDAP program should be referred to the Centralized Scheduling Information Desk (CSID) at 800-368-6498. For further information on the CEDAP program, please contact Amber Lane at (916) 322-2743 or at amber.lane@ohs.ca.gov.



Director Bettenhausen chairs Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council in Washington, D.C.



The National Governors' Association Homeland Security Advisory Council held their spring meeting last month in Washington, D.C. The Council is comprised of homeland security directors from across the nation and is chaired by Office of Homeland Security Director Matthew Bettenhausen.

This conference provided members with a forum in which to share and work through critical information on such issues as emergency communications, Federal Emergency Management Agency grants, cyber security, intelligence and fusion center activities, the presidential transition, as well as a myriad of other homeland security topics. Security experts and leaders from across the country shared best practices and outlined actions that could enhance the nation's prevention and preparedness capabilities.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff delivered remarks on the progress and current efforts of homeland

security nationwide. Greg Garcia, Assistant Secretary, Cyber Security and Communications, spoke to the current cyber security threats facing the nation and measure currently in place, as well as ones being developed, to effectively deal with this threat. Additional briefs were provided by Kenneth L. Wainstein, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, as well as Charles E. Allen, Undersecretary for Intelligence & Analysis.

The Council also met with Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, Bennie Thompson (MS), regarding the upcoming re-authorization of the Department of Homeland Security, the need to sustain funding for staffing fusion centers, and how additional investments at the state and local level will result in greater national assets during major incidents requiring mutual aid.

2008 State Homeland Security Strategy Released

The California Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) announced the release of the *2008 Homeland Security Strategy*, which frames the goals and objectives of the OHS mission and purpose. This Strategic Plan discusses California's priorities, initiatives, and challenges for securing the State against terrorist attacks to our citizens, critical infrastructure, key resources, and economic strength.

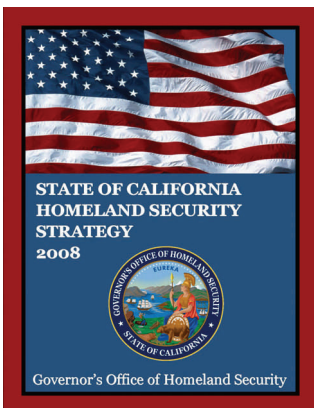
Homeland Security requires a truly national effort with the entire Nation sharing common goals and responsibilities. This Strategy builds upon the statewide priorities for a collaborative approach to homeland security and all-hazards preparedness across the seven core OHS areas of focus; including, information sharing and analysis, infrastructure protection, grants management, training and exercises, planning and research, external relations, and citizens' awareness and preparedness. The goals and objectives outlined in the OHS *2008 Strategy* is a reflection of these OHS priorities and the feedback received during the 2006-2007 Investment Justification Planning Conferences. Our success depends upon effective partnerships with federal, State, tribal, and local agencies, as well as the private sector and individual citizens. As such, OHS will continue to provide a customer service driven program at the

center of all activities.

California continues to be a national leader in homeland security and emergency management. In the past years we have made significant progress and achieved a number of objectives that continue to make California a better place to live, work, and thrive.

2007 has been a year of great success. We increased our partnerships within government and the private sector, developed the Nation's first Statewide Maritime Security Council, worked with our partners to develop additional terrorism training courses, enhanced information sharing capabilities among our federal, State, and local partners, and have received funding for critical infrastructure security bonds to be awarded in 2008. Additionally, OHS successfully completed the 2007 Governor's Statewide Exercise "Golden Guardian" bringing together hundreds of public safety officials to test the State's prevention, response, and recovery capabilities.

The OHS *2008 Strategy* outlines our goals as we move forward with new initiatives and priorities for 2008 and beyond. We are grateful to our partners and stakeholders for their continuing efforts to secure the State of California. Protecting our citizens, communities, and infrastructure is the highest priority of Governor Schwarzenegger's Administration.



The *2008 State of California Homeland Security Strategy* is available at the OHS web site at www.ohs.ca.gov.

Recognition for OHS Public Information Officer



Captain Steve Turner, a Public Affairs Manager with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, was recently honored by the California State Information Officers Council (SIOC) as the State's 2008 Public Information Officer of the Year.

SIOC honored 21 state agencies with 48 awards of recognition at its annual awards ceremony May 8 in

Sacramento. "The SIOC Awards honor the hard working people within the state's communications and public affairs divisions," said SIOC President Sarah Dalton. "The annual SIOC competition allows us to pay tribute to our colleagues' talents, their ingenuity, and their commitment to excellence."

Named PIO of the Year for "outstanding achievement in public information service to his department," Captain Turner was honored for his great work during the 2007 Southern California Wildfires. Captain Turner coordinated information between hundreds of local, state, and federal agencies, as well as

nongovernment organizations during the 2007 crisis. Captain Turner is a regular presenter throughout the state on crisis communications tools and joint information system management.

Steve Turner, a 20-year fire service veteran, is currently serving as a loaned officer to the Office of Homeland Security from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. Captain Turner works with local, state and federal agencies to maintain the state's ability to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies ranging from acts of terrorism to natural disasters. He also serves as an agency spokesman and manages OHS public information activities.

Professionals outside state government provided SIOC with impartial expertise for its 2008 Awards. SIOC is a not-for profit organization dedicated to providing support, education, information, networking, and other opportunities to the public information, communication, editorial and publication professionals in California state service.



Golden Guardian 2008

Planning continues for November's Golden Guardian 2008 Exercise (GG08). This year's exercise is a major earthquake in Southern California. Developed by United States Geological Survey (USGS), the scenario is a magnitude 7.8 earthquake for 90 seconds occurring along the Southern San Andreas Fault, impacting Southern California. Another exercise, in South Lake Tahoe, will demonstrate the effects of a Seiche wave from a magnitude 6.8 earthquake on Mt. Rose.

The South Lake Tahoe event will take place November 6, 2008

and the Southern California exercise on November 13 and 14, 2008. At least 30 California State agencies and over 100 local jurisdictions will participate, along with FEMA Region IX. Also critical to the exercise is the tie to the United States Northern Command Exercise Vigilant Shield 2009 (VS09), which will provide disaster support to civil authorities.

GG08 complements California's *Dare to Prepare* campaign, an effort to enhance citizen earthquake awareness. For further information contact the OHS Exercise Branch at (916) 323-2114.

Golden Guardian 2008 Planning Schedule			
May 22, 2008	Southern Region Workshop (Defense	September 3, 2008	South Lake Tahoe Final Planning
June 4, 2008	South Lake Tahoe Middle Planning	September 4, 2008	Statewide GG08 Functional
June 18, 2008	Inland Region Mass Care and Shelter Seminar	September 8/9, 2008	Joint Information Center training (site TBD)
June 19, 2008	Southern Region Utility Restoration Seminar	September 23/24, 2008	Joint Information Center training
June 26, 2008	South Lake Tahoe Mass Care and Shelter Tabletop Exercise	September 25, 2008	Inland Region Final Planning Conference
July 8/9, 2008	Joint Information Center training (site TBD)	October 7, 2008	Southern Region Final Planning Conference
July 23/23, 2008	Joint Information Center training (San	TBD	Coastal Region Final Planning
August 6/7, 2008	Joint Information Center training	November 6, 2008	South Lake Tahoe Functional
August 20/21, 2008	Joint Information Center training (site TBD)	November 13/14, 2008	GG08 Response Exercise
August 21, 2008	State Agency Final Planning Conference	November 17/18, 2008	GG08 Recovery Exercise

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2008 California Maritime Security Strategy Approved and Released

The California Office of Homeland Security, working in partnership with the California Maritime Security Council (CMSC), developed the *California Maritime Security Strategy*. The CMSC strategy was delivered through information obtained from CMSC subcommittees and developed to support the goals and objectives of their respective committees.

California has a vital interest in ensuring the security of its maritime community. In today's economy, shipping and maritime commerce are essential for participation in the global marketplace. Our ports are the engines that power the State and national economy. It is incumbent on State & local governments, private industry, and the various port

authorities to collaboratively develop and implement a strategy that maximizes our ability to sustain this key aspect of our infrastructure and economy.

OHS and the CMSC will implement the strategy toward the creation of an open, integrated and multi-layered maritime security architecture, that maximizes the abilities of the maritime community to prepare, protect, prevent, quickly respond to and recover from natural and intentional disasters. Further understanding of individual and regional port business operations and the effect of those operations on security will ensure ports are better poised to save lives, preserve the environment, and sustain continuity of operations and business operations in the all-hazards environment.

The *California Maritime Security Strategy* is available at the OHS web site at www.ohs.ca.gov/cmssc.

OHS Professional Profile: Robert Samaan, Deputy Director Planning, Research & Emergency Preparedness



Robert Samaan currently serves as Deputy Director over the Planning, Research and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Division at the Governor's Office of Homeland

Security (OHS). Prior to this position, Robert was appointed on April 4, 2005 to serve as Deputy Director for Federal Affairs at OHS.

Robert's duties include coordination of Homeland Security issues between the State of California, California's local government officials and the Federal Government. The PREP unit participates with planning efforts and strategy development internally and externally with our federal, State, local, and tribal partners. Robert is an executive member of California's Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee (PSRSPC), the California Statewide Interoperability Executive

Committee (CALSIEC), and participates in numerous other emergency preparedness committees throughout the state. Robert also serves as the OHS Small Business Liaison.

Prior to joining the OHS, Robert worked at the US Department of Homeland Security during its infancy and through its transition to Secretary Chertoff. While with DHS, Robert assisted the Director in coordinating efforts for State and Territorial affairs within the Secretary's Office of State and Local Government Coordination.

Robert served as the State and Local Office's coordinator for the Principle Federal Official (PFO) teams for both the Democratic National Convention and the Republican National Convention. Robert has also served on the Secretary's Interagency Incident Management Group (IIMG) for numerous exercises and during periods of heightened alert, as well as directly reporting to the IIMG for the national political conventions. While with DHS, Robert was awarded the Secretary's Award for Exemplary Service by Secretary Tom Ridge.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Lee University in Tennessee and a Master of Arts degree in Political Management from George Washington University in Washington D.C.

